

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey in Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Municipal Clerk, Darlene J. Richmond, "Adequate notice of this meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 giving the time, date, location and agenda to the extent known has been given in the following manner:

1. By posting notice of said meeting on the bulletin board at City Hall Annex, 181 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on February 3, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on February 3, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

The invocation delivered and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Gladys Lugardo-Hemple.

The following answered to roll call:

Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple  
Mr. Spence  
Mr. Surrency  
Mr. Thompson  
Pres. Zapolski

Pres. Zapolski turned the meeting over to Mayor Kelly and Bridgeton Fire Chief David Schoch for presentations. The following received Award Certificates from Fire Department: CPR Save: EMT Richard Peters, Leah April, Tiffany Durham, Mark Couch, Benjamin Upham, Domnick Manno, F/F Jason Hurff, Michael Hitchner, and John Pagels. Baby Delivery: EMT Tracy Guntow, Richard Peters, Leah April and F/F Michael Hitchner. Unit Citation- 47 Elmer Street Fire: Captain Eugene Shelton, F/F Charles Ridgway, Jeffery Belum, Alexander Centeno, Elvin Beardsworth, EMT Kerri Sias and Joseph McPherson. Life Saving Award- 47 Elmer Street fire: F/F Jeffery Belum.

Mayor Kelly presented Helen Conner with Employee of Month Statue

Pres. Zapolski presented the minutes from the Meeting of January 17, 2012 and Work Session of January 17, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members received copies and said minutes be approved as received which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski announced one Ordinances for first reading.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 321

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on February 21, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Zapolski announced no Ordinance for second reading.

Pres. Zapolski announced this is the time for comments on the consent agenda or any other matter of concern the public desires to address Council.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard at this time.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson Avenue, commented that she has retired and would like to volunteer her services to the City to get involved and help the City.

Ms. Batten further expressed her appreciation for trees being trimmed.

Mr. Mike Abbott, East Avenue, questioned items J-8, J-12 and J-13 on the Agenda which was responded to by Solicitor and Administrator.

Mr. Abbott also questioned in regarding property sold if this is a PILOT agreement, Administrator responded no they would pay taxes.

Mr. Abbott also expressed concern over the way the public was addressed regarding splash park.

Mr. Aaron Butcher, Nixon Avenue, expressed concern over dissolving the Volunteer Firemen .

Administrator responded due to financial cost to keep them and they are looking at maybe being brought back as Fire Police

Mr. Carl Hemple, Penn Street, commented that he was proud of the way Council conducted their Work Session, working together representing the City well and bringing their talent to the table.

Mr. Hemple complimented the Administrator for getting involved in the community by attending various meetings that have been held. He is proud of City Council and Administrator on the way they are operating.

Mr. Hemple announced that Little League would be opening April 14, 2012, thanked the City for the new fence on the Cinderella Field and fixing the other fields..

Ms. Sally Garrison, Hopewell Township, from Save the Library along with representative from Friends of the Library, who reported on their progress, fifteen new members and we have raised over \$278,000 and it is hundred percent volunteers.

Ms. Garrison presented a preservation plan to the Mayor and City Council, Also presented a Booklet they are selling profits to go to the Library on the History of the Library Building. She also announced a book signing by Penny Watson and a tour of the building held February 26, 2012 and announced other events planed which will be advertised.

Ms. Bev Goldsboro, Cohansey Street, expressed concern over the Ordinance amending City Code Section 321 regarding taxi cab: Taxi Cab Stands signs, none existing, Color of cabs and car models, reference to a dial, Ordinance references flag , none exist in cabs.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple to close the public portion of the meeting, which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Zapolski announced all matters listed under items J-1, through items J-16 with item J. 12 being removed from the agenda, are considered routine and will be enacted upon by one motion, if discussion is desired that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency seconded by Mr. Spence that the following Resolutions listed under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book

RESOLUTION NO 177-11 authorizing reappointment June Leek to Bridgeton Housing Authority

RESOLUTION NO 178-11 Audit reviewed by Governing Body.

RESOLUTION NO 179-11 authorizing refund application fee to Soroptimist International Cumberland County.

RESOLUTION NO 180-11 authorizing Tax Office refund sale certificate.

RESOLUTION NO 181-11 authorizing Tax Office refund dog license fee.

RESOLUTION NO 182-11 authorizing Tax Office make changes of water/sewer and trash accounts.

RESOLUTION NO 183-11 authorize sale of property to Cumberland Empowerment Housing Corp.

RESOLUTION NO 184-11 authorize senior citizen tax exemptions.

RESOLUTION NO 185-11 authorize agreement with Cumberland County Improvement Authority for Solar Energy Program.

RESOLUTION NO 186-11 authorizing sale of Tower Ladder Fire Truck.

RESOLUTION NO 187-11 requesting insertion in Budget from Keep America Beautiful.

RESOLUTION NO 188-11 amending Resolution 59-11 authorizing signature of Business Administrator.

RESOLUTION NO 189-11 authorizing award for collection of Municipal Court debt.

RESOLUTION NO 190-11 authorize removal of moratorium on issuance of construction permits.  
RESOLUTION NO 191-11 authorizing appointment of Robin Wood to Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Pres. Zapolski presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$2,986,697.06 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency that the Schedule of Bills be approved and warrants be drawn on their various accounts and appropriations, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original schedule may be found in the files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Zapolski announced receipt of the following application:

Raffle Permit: Parish of Holy Cross.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Thompson that said application be approved which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski announced receipt of the following reports

Vital Statistics Office(November)

Fire Department December

EMS December

Code Enforcement December

Code Enforcement 2011 End Year

Zoning December

Construction Code December

Municipal Clerk January

Water/Sewer Annual

Fire/EMS 2010/2011 End Year

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Surrency that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly, announced, Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 7:30, Everett Marino Ballroom the Civil War Restoration Ceremony Concert will be held. He has tickets available they are being very well received by the public. We are receiving donations from all over. He would like to see some members of Council there.

Pres. Zapolski called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson thanked Mr. Hemple for his kind words.

Councilman Surrency no comments.

Councilman Lugardo-Hemple no comments.

Councilman Spence congratulated Ms. Batten on her retirement.

Council President Zapolski commented he will look at that flag issue on the Taxi and he does intend on being at the Civil War Restoration Concert and congratulated Ms. Batten on her retirement.

Administrator Goodreau announced City Hall will be closed February 17, 2012 and February 20, 2012.

Council Pres. Zapolski stated that we have been working with the Administration and someone will be coming in and working on this PA System, so there is progress being made on that.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple to adjourn the meeting, which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

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President Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_